

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
Southern District of Texas
Holding Session in Houston

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

AMENDED JUDGMENT IN A CRIMINAL CASE

V.

BENJAMIN B. ESSIENCASE NUMBER: **4:09CR00225-001**

USM NUMBER: 99049-179

☐ See Additional Aliases.

Date of Original Judgment: December 21, 2011
(or Date of Last Amended Judgment)

David Paul Cunningham
Defendant's Attorney

Reason for Amendment

- ☐ Correction of Sentence on Remand (18 U.S.C. 3742(f)(1) and (2))
- ☐ Reduction of Sentence for Changed Circumstances (Fed. R. Crim. P. 35(b))
- ☒ Correction of Sentence by Sentencing Court (Fed. R. Crim. P. 35(a))
- ☐ Correction for Clerical Mistake (Fed. R. Crim. P. 36)
- ☐ Modification of Supervision Conditions (18 U.S.C. § 3563(c) or 3583(e))
- ☐ Modification of Imposed Term of Imprisonment for Extraordinary and Compelling Reasons (18 U.S.C. § 3582(c)(1))
- ☐ Modification of Imposed Term of Imprisonment for Retroactive Amendment(s) to the Sentencing Guidelines (18 U.S.C. § 3582(c)(2))
- ☐ Direct Motion to District Court Pursuant to ☐ 28 U.S.C. § 2255 or ☐ 18 U.S.C. § 3559(c)(7)
- ☐ Modification of Restitution Order (18 U.S.C. § 3664)

THE DEFENDANT:

- ☐ pleaded guilty to count(s) _____
- ☐ pleaded nolo contendere to count(s) _____
which was accepted by the court.
- ☒ was found guilty on count(s) 1S, 4S, 6S, 7S, 8S, 9S, 11S, and 13S on February 25, 2010.
after a plea of not guilty.

The defendant is adjudicated guilty of these offenses:

<u>Title & Section</u>	<u>Nature of Offense</u>	<u>Offense Ended</u>	<u>Count</u>
18 U.S.C. §§ 1347, 1349, and 2	Conspiracy to commit and aid and abet in the commission of an offense against the United States, namely health care fraud	08/31/2006	1S
18 U.S.C. §§ 1347 and 2	Health care fraud, aiding and abetting	01/03/2005	4S
18 U.S.C. §§ 1347 and 2	Health care fraud, aiding and abetting	07/21/2005	6S
18 U.S.C. §§ 1347 and 2	Health care fraud, aiding and abetting	08/04/2005	7S, 8S, and 9S

☒ See Additional Counts of Conviction.

The defendant is sentenced as provided in pages 2 through 7 of this judgment. The sentence is imposed pursuant to the Sentencing Reform Act of 1984.

☐ The defendant has been found not guilty on count(s) _____☒ Count(s) remaining ☐ is ☒ are dismissed on the motion of the United States.

It is ordered that the defendant must notify the United States attorney for this district within 30 days of any change of name, residence, or mailing address until all fines, restitution, costs, and special assessments imposed by this judgment are fully paid. If ordered to pay restitution, the defendant must notify the court and United States attorney of material changes in economic circumstances.

February 17, 2012

Date of Imposition of Judgment

Signature of Judge

GRAY H. MILLER**UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**

Name and Title of Judge

Date

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<u>Title & Section</u>	<u>Nature of Offense</u>	<u>Offense Ended</u>	<u>Count</u>
18 U.S.C. §§ 1028A and 2	Aggravated identity theft, aiding and abetting	08/04/2005	11S
18 U.S.C. §§ 1028A and 2	Aggravated identity theft, aiding and abetting	06/26/2006	13S

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IMPRISONMENT

The defendant is hereby committed to the custody of the United States Bureau of Prisons to be imprisoned for a total term of 102 months.*

This term consists of SEVENTY-EIGHT (78) MONTHS as to each of Counts 1S, 4S, 6S, 7S, 8S, and ONE (1) MONTH as to Count 9S, all such terms to be served concurrently, followed by TWENTY-FOUR (24) MONTHS, as to each of Counts 11S and 13S, to be served concurrently, but consecutively to Counts 1S, 4S, 6S, 7S, 8S, and 9S, for a total of ONE HUNDRED AND TWO (102) MONTHS.*

☐ See Additional Imprisonment Terms.

☒ The court makes the following recommendations to the Bureau of Prisons:
The defendant participate in the Comprehensive Residential Drug Abuse Treatment Program during incarceration.

That the defendant be designated to a facility as close to Houston, Texas, as possible.

☒ The defendant is remanded to the custody of the United States Marshal.

☐ The defendant shall surrender to the United States Marshal for this district:

☐ at _____ ☐ a.m. ☐ p.m. on _____.

☐ as notified by the United States Marshal.

☐ The defendant shall surrender for service of sentence at the institution designated by the Bureau of Prisons:

☐ before 2 p.m. on _____.

☐ as notified by the United States Marshal.

☐ as notified by the Probation or Pretrial Services Office.

RETURN

I have executed this judgment as follows:

Defendant delivered on _____ to _____
at _____, with a certified copy of this judgment.

UNITED STATES MARSHAL

By

DEPUTY UNITED STATES MARSHAL

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SUPERVISED RELEASE

Upon release from imprisonment, the defendant shall be on supervised release for a term of: 3 years.

This term consists of THREE (3) YEARS as to Counts 1, 4S, 6S, 7S, 8S, and 9S, and ONE (1) YEAR as to Counts 11S and 13S, all terms to run concurrently, for a total of THREE (3) YEARS.

☐ See Additional Supervised Release Terms.

The defendant must report to the probation office in the district to which the defendant is released within 72 hours of release from the custody of the Bureau of Prisons.

The defendant shall not commit another federal, state or local crime.

The defendant shall not unlawfully possess a controlled substance. The defendant shall refrain from any unlawful use of a controlled substance. The defendant shall submit to one drug test within 15 days of release from imprisonment and at least two periodic drug tests thereafter, as determined by the court. *(for offenses committed on or after September 13, 1994)*

☐ The above drug testing condition is suspended, based on the court's determination that the defendant poses a low risk of future substance abuse. (Check, if applicable.)

☒ The defendant shall not possess a firearm, ammunition, destructive device, or any other dangerous weapon. (Check, if applicable.)

☒ The defendant shall cooperate in the collection of DNA as directed by the probation officer. (Check, if applicable.)

☐ The defendant shall comply with the requirements of the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (42 U.S.C. § 16901, *et seq.*) as directed by the probation officer, the Bureau of Prisons, or any state registration in which he or she resides, works, is a student, or was convicted of a qualifying offense. (Check, if applicable)

☐ The defendant shall participate in an approved program for domestic violence. (Check, if applicable.)

If this judgment imposes a fine or restitution, it is a condition of supervised release that the defendant pay in accordance with the Schedule of Payments sheet of this judgment.

The defendant must comply with the standard conditions that have been adopted by this court as well as with any additional conditions on the attached page.

STANDARD CONDITIONS OF SUPERVISION

☒ See Special Conditions of Supervision.

- 1) the defendant shall not leave the judicial district without the permission of the court or probation officer;
- 2) the defendant shall report to the probation officer and shall submit a truthful and complete written report within the first five days of each month;
- 3) the defendant shall answer truthfully all inquiries by the probation officer and follow the instructions of the probation officer;
- 4) the defendant shall support his or her dependents and meet other family responsibilities;
- 5) the defendant shall work regularly at a lawful occupation, unless excused by the probation officer for schooling, training, or other acceptable reasons;
- 6) the defendant shall notify the probation officer at least ten days prior to any change in residence or employment;
- 7) the defendant shall refrain from excessive use of alcohol and shall not purchase, possess, use, distribute, or administer any controlled substance or any paraphernalia related to any controlled substances, except as prescribed by a physician;
- 8) the defendant shall not frequent places where controlled substances are illegally sold, used, distributed, or administered;
- 9) the defendant shall not associate with any persons engaged in criminal activity and shall not associate with any person convicted of a felony, unless granted permission to do so by the probation officer;
- 10) the defendant shall permit a probation officer to visit him or her at any time at home or elsewhere and shall permit confiscation of any contraband observed in plain view of the probation officer;
- 11) the defendant shall notify the probation officer within seventy-two hours of being arrested or questioned by a law enforcement officer;
- 12) the defendant shall not enter into any agreement to act as an informer or a special agent of a law enforcement agency without the permission of the court; and
- 13) as directed by the probation officer, the defendant shall notify third parties of risks that may be occasioned by the defendant's criminal record or personal history or characteristics and shall permit the probation officer to make such notifications and to confirm the defendant's compliance with such notification requirement.

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SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF SUPERVISION

The defendant is prohibited from employment or acting in a fiduciary role during the term of supervision.

The defendant shall provide the probation officer access to any requested financial information. If a fine or restitution amount has been imposed, the defendant is prohibited from incurring new credit charges or opening additional lines of credit without approval of the probation officer.

The defendant shall submit to periodic urine surveillance and/or breath, saliva, and skin tests for the detection of drug abuse as directed by the probation officer. The defendant will incur costs associated with such detection efforts based on ability to pay as determined by the probation officer.

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The defendant must pay the total criminal monetary penalties under the schedule of payments on Sheet 6.

	<u>Assessment</u>	<u>Fine</u>	<u>Restitution</u>
TOTALS	\$800.00		\$1,455,837.91

A \$100 special assessment is ordered as to each of Counts 1S, 4S, 6S, 7S, 8S, 9S, 11S, and 13S, for a total of \$800.

☐ See Additional Terms for Criminal Monetary Penalties.☐ The determination of restitution is deferred until _____. An Amended Judgment in a Criminal Case (AO 245C) will be entered after such determination.☒ The defendant must make restitution (including community restitution) to the following payees in the amount listed below.

If the defendant makes a partial payment, each payee shall receive an approximately proportioned payment, unless specified otherwise in the priority order or percentage payment column below. However, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3664(i), all nonfederal payees must be paid before the United States is paid.

<u>Name of Payee</u>	<u>Total Loss*</u>	<u>Restitution Ordered</u>	<u>Priority or Percentage</u>
HSSC-OIG		\$1,455,837.91	

☐ See Additional Restitution Payees.

TOTALS	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$1,455,837.91</u>
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☐ Restitution amount ordered pursuant to plea agreement \$ _____☒ The defendant must pay interest on restitution and a fine of more than \$2,500, unless the restitution or fine is paid in full before the fifteenth day after the date of the judgment, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3612(f). All of the payment options on Sheet 6 may be subject to penalties for delinquency and default, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3612(g).☐ The court determined that the defendant does not have the ability to pay interest and it is ordered that:☐ the interest requirement is waived for the ☐ fine ☐ restitution.☐ the interest requirement for the ☐ fine ☐ restitution is modified as follows:☐ Based on the Government's motion, the Court finds that reasonable efforts to collect the special assessment are not likely to be effective. Therefore, the assessment is hereby remitted.

* Findings for the total amount of losses are required under Chapters 109A, 110, 110A, and 113A of Title 18 for offenses committed on or after September 13, 1994, but before April 23, 1996.

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Having assessed the defendant's ability to pay, payment of the total criminal monetary penalties is due as follows:

- A ☒ Lump sum payment of \$800.00 due immediately, balance due
☐ not later than _____, or
☒ in accordance with ☐ C, ☐ D, ☐ E, or ☒ F below; or
- B ☐ Payment to begin immediately (may be combined with ☐ C, ☐ D, or ☐ F below); or
- C ☐ Payment in equal _____ installments of _____ over a period of _____, to commence _____ days after the date of this judgment; or
- D ☐ Payment in equal _____ installments of _____ over a period of _____, to commence _____ days after release from imprisonment to a term of supervision; or
- E ☐ Payment during the term of supervised release will commence within _____ days after release from imprisonment. The court will set the payment plan based on an assessment of the defendant's ability to pay at that time; or
- F ☒ Special instructions regarding the payment of criminal monetary penalties:

Payable to: Clerk, U.S. District Court
 Attn: Finance
 P.O. Box 61010
 Houston, TX 77208

Balance due in payments of the greater of \$25 per quarter or 50% of any wages earned while in prison in accordance with the Bureau of Prisons' Inmate Financial Responsibility Program. Any balance remaining after release from imprisonment shall be paid in equal monthly installments of \$100 or 10% of the defendant's gross earnings, whichever is greater, to commence 30 days after the release to a term of supervision.

*In reference to the amount below, the Court-ordered restitution shall be joint and several with any co-defendant who has been or will be ordered to pay restitution under this docket number, subject to the Court's rulings at the individual sentencings.

Unless the court has expressly ordered otherwise, if this judgment imposes imprisonment, payment of criminal monetary penalties is due during imprisonment. All criminal monetary penalties, except those payments made through the Federal Bureau of Prisons' Inmate Financial Responsibility Program, are made to the clerk of the court.

The defendant shall receive credit for all payments previously made toward any criminal monetary penalties imposed.

☒ Joint and Several

Case Number

Defendant and Co-Defendant Names
(including defendant number)

SEE COURT'S ORDER ABOVE *

BENJAMIN B. ESSIEN

Total Amount

\$1,455,837.91

Joint and Several
Amount

\$1,455,837.91

Corresponding Payee,
if appropriate

☐ See Additional Defendants and Co-Defendants Held Joint and Several.

☐ The defendant shall pay the cost of prosecution.

☐ The defendant shall pay the following court cost(s):

☐ The defendant shall forfeit the defendant's interest in the following property to the United States:

Payments shall be applied in the following order: (1) assessment, (2) restitution principal, (3) restitution interest, (4) fine principal, (5) fine interest, (6) community restitution, (7) penalties, and (8) costs, including cost of prosecution and court costs.